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A²C²	Army airspace command and control
AADC	area air defense commander
AAGS	Army Air-Ground System
AAWC	antiair warfare commander
AAWS	antiair warfare section
ABCA	American, British, Canadian, Australian
ABCCC	airborne battlefield command and control center
ACC	air component commander
ACCS	Army Command and Control System
ACE	analysis and control element (Army); aviation combat element (Air Force)
ACOM	United States Atlantic Command—a unified, maritime command
ACR	armored cavalry regiment
ACSIM	assistant chief of staff for installation management
active missile defense	measures taken to intercept, destroy, or negate the effects of an enemy missile launch
ACU	area common user
AD	air defense
ADA	air defense artillery
ADC	area damage control
ADCOM	air defense command
ADCON	administrative control
ADCOORD	air defense artillery coordinator
admin	administration
ADPE	automatic data processing equipment
ADPU	automatic data processing unit
AET	assessment and evaluation team
AFAC	airborne forward air controller
AFCC	Air Force component commander
AFCENT	Allied Forces Central Europe
AFSCC	Air Force service component command
AFSOC	Air Force special operations component
AFSOD	Air Force special operations detachments
AFSOE	Air Force special operations elements

AFSOF	Air Force special operations forces
AGCCS	Army Global Command and Control System
AHFEWS	Army High-Frequency Electronic Warfare System
AID	United States Agency for International Development
ALCOM	Alaskan Command
allocation	the translation of apportionment into total numbers of resources
all-source analysis system	a system that collects and fuses intelligence data to support the commander's decision-making process
ALOC	air lines of communication
AME	air mobility element
AMEDD	Army medical department
AMOPES	Army Mobilization and Operations Planning and Execution System
amphibious objective area	a geographical area—delineated in the initiating directive for command and control—within which the objectives to be secured by the amphibious task force are located
ANGLICO	air and naval gunfire liaison company
AO	area of operations
AOA	amphibious objective area
AOB	alternate operating base
AOC	air operations center
AofI	area of interest
AOR	area of responsibility
APA	Army pre-positioned afloat
APOD	aerial port of debarkation
apportionment	the determination and assignment of the total expected effort by percentage and/or by priority that should be devoted to the various air operations and/or geographic areas for a given period of time
area of assistance	area of land, sea, and air designated for the conduct of peacetime military operations other than war
area of conflict	area of land, sea, and air designated for the conduct of hostile military operations other than war
area of operations	a geographical area assigned to an army commander by a higher commander; the AO has lateral, forward, and rear boundaries that usually define it within a larger joint geographical area
area of responsibility	a defined area of land or sea in which responsibility is specifically assigned to the combatant commander of the theater for the development and maintenance of installations, control of movement, and conduct of joint operations involving troops under his control, along with parallel authority to exercise these functions

AREC	air resource element coordinator
ARL	aerial reconnaissance low
ARLO	Army liaison officer
ARFOR	Army forces; the headquarters and mission forces assigned to an Army service component command, subordinate joint force command, or multinational command
ARFOR commander	the senior army commander
Army Command and Control System	a system that encompasses the command and control systems, communications, and hardware and software required to implement the Army's portion of the Joint Operations Planning and Execution System and execute full-dimensional operations doctrine
Army service component commander	the senior army commander of an Army service component command assigned to a unified command; referred to as the <i>ASCC</i> : the <i>ASCC</i> performs service functions assigned by the <i>UNAAF</i> for the Army forces within the command and performs three strategic and operational-level tasks—establishes linkages, conducts operations, and conducts support operations; the <i>ASCC</i> functions in both the operational and service chain of command
ARSOA	Army special operations aviation
ARSOC	Army special operations component
ARSOCC	Army special operations component commander
ARSOF	Army special operations forces
ASA-FM	Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management
ASAS	all-source analysis system
ASCC	Army service component commander
ASCS	air support control section
ASE	Army support element
ASG	area support group
ASI	all-source intelligence
ASM	air-to-surface missile
ASMB	area support medical battalion
ASMP	Army Strategic Mobility Program
ASOC	air support operations center
assign	to place units or personnel in an organization where such placement is relatively permanent and the organization controls and administers the units or personnel for the primary function, or greater portion of the functions, of the unit or personnel
ASUWC	antisurface warfare commander
ASWC	antisubmarine warfare command

ATACMS	Army Tactical Missile System
ATARS	Advanced Tactical Air Reconnaissance System
ATCS	air traffic control section
ATF	amphibious task force
ATO	air tasking order
attack operations	actions taken to neutralize or destroy an adversary's ability to produce, deploy, and employ theater missiles
ATTN	attention
auto	automation
AUTODIN	automatic digital network
AVIM	aviation intermediate maintenance
AVUM	aviation unit maintenance
AWACS	Airborne Warning and Control System
battle	a series of related tactical engagements
battle command	the art of motivating and directing soldiers and their organizations into action to accomplish missions; includes visualizing a future state and formulating concepts of operations to achieve that state, assigning missions, prioritizing and allocating resources, and selecting the critical time and place to act
battle management and command, control, communications, and intelligence	the process of coordinating and integrating joint and service capabilities to conduct passive defense, active missile defense, and attack operations
battlefield coordination element	an Army fire support coordination element located at an Air Force air operations center whose function is to monitor and interpret the land battle situation and provide land force needs for tactical air support to the air operations center and the Air Force component commander
battle space	components determined by the maximum capabilities of a unit to acquire and dominate the enemy; includes areas beyond the AO; varies over time according to how the commander positions his assets
BCE	battlefield coordination element
BCOC	base cluster operations center
BDA	battle damage assessment
BDCT	base defense coordination team
bde	brigade
BDOC	base defense operations center
BIDS	biological identification/detection system

bn	battalion
branches	options for changing dispositions, orientation, or direction of movement and accepting or declining battle; branches preserve the commander's freedom of action
C²	command and control
C²W	command and control warfare
C³	command, control, and communications
C³CM	command, control, and communications countermeasures
C³I	command, control, communications, and intelligence
C³IC	coalition coordination, communications, and integration center
C⁴	command, control, communications, and computers
C⁴I	command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence
C⁴IS	Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Information System
CA	civil affairs
C&C	collection and classification
CALL	Center for Army Lessons Learned
CAD	combat arms division
campaign	a series of related military operations designed to achieve one or more strategic or operational objectives within a given time and space
campaign plan	a plan for a series of related military operations aimed to achieve one or more strategic and operational objectives within a given time and space
CAP	crisis action planning
CAS	close air support
CATF	commander, amphibious task force
CCT	combat control team
C-Day	the unnamed day deployment operations commence
CDC	combat direction center
CENTCOM	United States Central Command
CFC	Combined Forces Command (Korea)
CHS	combat health support
CI	counterintelligence
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CID	criminal investigation division
CINC	the commander in chief of a unified or specified command

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CINCPAC	Commander in Chief, Pacific
CJCS	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
CJTF	commander of the joint task force
CM	cruise missile
CMISE	corps military intelligence support element
CNR	combat net radio
co	company
COA	course of action
COCOM	combatant command
CofS	chief of staff
COID	combat operations intelligence division
combatant command	one of the unified or specified commands established by the President; nontransferable authority established by Title 10, United States Code, Section 134, exercised by combatant commanders; COCOM provides full authority to organize and employ commands and forces as the CINC considers necessary to accomplish assigned missions; the authority to perform those functions of command over assigned forces involving organizing and employing commands and forces, assigning tasks, designating objectives, and giving authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, joint training, and logistics necessary to accomplish the missions assigned to the command
combatant commander	a commander in chief of a combatant command
combat power	the four primary elements—maneuver, firepower, protection, and leadership—combine to create combat power—the ability to fight; through effective application and sustainment, in concert with one another, these elements will decide the outcome of campaigns, major operations, battles, and engagements
combat zone	that area required by combat forces for the conduct of operations forward of the ARFOR rear area boundary
COMCARGRU	commander, carrier battle group
comdt	commandant
commander's intent	a concise expression of the purpose of the operation, a description of the desired end state and how the posture of units at the current operation end state facilitates transition to future operations; may include the commander's vision of how operations will progress toward that end
communications zone	the rear part of the theater that is contiguous to the combat zone; contains those theater installations and organizations required to support combat and combat support forces; has a three-dimensional aspect and reaches back to the CONUS base

COMMZ	communications zone
compt	comptroller
COMSEC	communications security
COMSOC	commander of the special operations command
CONPLAN	operation plan in concept format
constraint	actions the commander must take or methods that must be employed
CONUS	continental United States
coordinating authority	the authority granted to a commander or individual assigned responsibility for coordinating specific functions or activities involving forces of two or more countries or commands, two or more services, or two or more forces of the same service; this authority can require consultation among involved agencies or their representatives but cannot compel agreement; unresolved disagreements are referred to the appropriate authority
CORDS	Civil Operations Revolutionary Development Support
COSCOM	corps support command
countermobility	to delay, channel, or stop offensive movement by the enemy in order to destroy enemy forces directly or indirectly by enhancing the effectiveness of friendly direct- and indirect-fire weapon systems
CP	command post
CRC	control and reporting center
crisis action planning	the JOPES process involving the time-sensitive development of joint operation plans and orders in response to an imminent crisis; follows prescribed crisis-action planning to formulate and implement an effective response within the time frame permitted by the crisis
CS	combat support
CSCE	communications system control element
CSD	combat support division
CSG	cryptologic support group
CSR	controlled supply rate
CSS	combat service support
CSSAMO	combat service support automation management office
CSSD	combat service support division
CSSE	combat service support element
CTF	combined task force
CVBG	carrier battle group
CWC	composite warfare commander
CZ	combat zone

D³	decide, detect, and deliver
D³A	decide, detect, deliver, and assess
DA	Department of the Army
DASC	direct air support center
DASC-A	direct air support center (airborne)
DCA	defensive counterair
DCS	defense communications system
DCSENG	deputy chief of staff for engineers
DCSHNA	deputy chief of staff for host nation activity
DCSI	deputy chief of staff for intelligence
DCSIM	deputy chief of staff for information management
DCSLOG	deputy chief of staff for logistics
DCSOPS	deputy chief of staff for operations
DCSPER	deputy chief of staff for personnel
DCSRM	deputy chief of staff for resource management
DCS Sys Auto	deputy chief of staff for systems automation
DDN	Defense Data Network
DDS	data distribution system
DEA	Drug Enforcement Agency
deception	those measures designed to mislead the enemy by manipulating, distorting, or falsifying evidence to induce the enemy to react in a manner prejudicial to its interests
decide, detect, deliver	targeting process that identifies enemy targets for possible engagement and determines the appropriate system to be used to capture, destroy, degrade, or neutralize the target in question
decisive engagement	an engagement in which a unit is considered fully committed and cannot maneuver or extricate itself; in the absence of outside assistance, the action must be fought to a conclusion and either won or lost with the forces at hand
Defense Logistics Agency	provides logistics support to the Army in areas of supply support, logistics services, and defense contract administrative support
deliberate planning	the JOPES process involving the development of joint operations plans for contingencies identified in joint strategic planning documents; conducted principally in peacetime; accomplished in prescribed cycles that complement other DOD planning cycles and in accordance with the formally established Joint Strategic Planning System
DEPCJTF	deputy commander of the joint task force
det	detachment

DFSA	designated finance support activity
DIA	Defense Intelligence Agency
direct support	a mission requiring a force to support another specific force and authorizing it to answer the supported force's request for assistance directly
DIRLAUTH	direct liaison authorized
DISA	Defense Information System Agency
DISE	Deployable Intelligence Support Element
DISNET	Defense Information Systems Network
div	division
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency
DMA	Defense Mapping Agency
DOCC	deep operations coordination center
DOD	Department of Defense
DOS	Department of State
DS	direct support
DSE	deception staff element
DSN	Defense Switched Network
EAC	echelons above corps
EEI	essential elements of information
ELINT	electronic intelligence
EMP	electromagnetic pulse
engagement	small, tactical conflicts, usually between opposing maneuver forces
EOD	explosive ordnance disposal
EPW	enemy prisoner of war
EUCOM	United States European Command—a unified command
EUSA	Eighth United States Army—the Army component to Combined Forces Command, Korea
EW	electronic warfare
EW/C	early warning/control
FAC	forward air controller
FAC(A)	forward air controller (airborne)
FACP	forward air control post
FB	finance battalion
FC	finance command
FFA	free-fire area

FID	foreign internal defense
FLOT	forward line of own troops
FM	field manual
FOB	forward operating base
FORSCOM	United States Army Forces Command—the Army component of US Atlantic Command (a unified command)
FSCC	fire support coordination center
FSCL	fire support coordination line
FSE	fire support element
FSS	fire support section
FST	finance support team
G1	assistance chief of staff, personnel
G2	assistant chief of staff, intelligence
G3	assistant chief of staff, operations and plans
G4	assistant chief of staff, logistics
G5	assistant chief of staff, civil affairs
G6	assistant chief of staff, signal
GCCS	Global Command and Control System
GCE	ground combat element
GDP	general defense plan
GIE	global information environment
GLO	ground liaison officer
GP	general purpose
GS	general support
HCS	helicopter control section
helo	helicopter
HEMCO	heavy equipment maintenance company
HHB	headquarters and headquarters battery
HHC	headquarters and headquarters company
HHD	headquarters and headquarters detachment
HNS	host nation support
HQ	headquarters
HQDA	Headquarters, Department of the Army
HSS	health service support
HUMINT	human intelligence
hvy	heavy

I&W	indications and warnings
ICAC²	Integrated Combat Airspace Command and Control
IES	imagery exploitation system
IEW	intelligence and electronic warfare
IG	inspector general
IGSM	intermediate general support maintenance
IMA	information mission area
IMET	international military education and training
IMINT	imagery intelligence
infrastructure	a term generally applicable to all fixed and permanent installations, fabrications, or facilities for the support or control of military forces
INSCOM	United States Army Intelligence and Security Command
intel	intelligence
interdiction	an action to divert, disrupt, delay, or destroy the enemy's surface military potential before it can be effectively used against friendly forces
in-transit visibility	the immediate access to data pertaining to the location of materiel in transit from the provider to the requester
IO	international organizations
IPB	intelligence-preparation-of-the-battlefield
IPW	interrogation prisoner of war
IR	information requirements
ISB	intermediate support basing
ISC	integrated systems control
ISE	intelligence support element
ITO	integrated tasking order
J1	personnel directorate at a joint headquarters
J2	intelligence directorate at a joint headquarters
J3	operations directorate at a joint headquarters
J4	logistics directorate at a joint headquarters
J5	plans and policy directorate at a joint headquarters
J6	communications-electronics directorate at a joint headquarters
JCCC	joint communications control center
JCGRO	joint central graves registration office
JCIOC	joint counterintelligence operations center
JCMEB	joint civil-military engineering board

JCMEC	joint captured materiel exploitation center
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JCSE	joint communications support element
JDC	joint deployment community
JDEC	joint documents exploitation center
JFACC	joint force air component commander; a COCOM functional option
JFC	joint force commander
JFLCC	joint force land component commander; a COCOM functional option
JFMCC	joint force maritime component commander; a COCOM functional option
JFSOCC	joint force special operations component commander
JFUB	joint facilities utilization board
JIC	joint intelligence center
JIF	joint interrogation facility
JIPC	joint imagery processing center
JMAO	joint mortuary affairs office
JMBPO	joint military blood program office
JMC	joint movement center
JMCC	joint movement control center
JMEC	joint materiel exploitation center
JMFU	joint meteorological forecasting unit
JMRO	joint medical regulating office
JOA	joint operations area
JOC	joint operations center
joint command	a subordinate command of a unified command composed of joint forces and commanded by a subordinate joint force commander exercising operational control over the joint force
joint force	a general term applied to a force that is composed of significant elements of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force or two or more of these services operating under a subordinate joint force commander authorized to exercise operational control over joint forces or service components operating under a unified commander
joint operations area	that portion of an area of conflict in which a joint force commander conducts military operations pursuant to an assigned mission and the administration incident to such military operations

joint rear area	a specific land area within a joint force commander's area of operations that is designated to facilitate protection and operation of installations and forces supporting the joint force
joint rear area coordinator	the officer given responsibility for the overall securing of the JRA and for furnishing a secure environment to facilitate sustainment, host nation support, infrastructure development, and movements of the joint force
joint zone	an area established for the purpose of permitting friendly surface, air, and subsurface forces to operate simultaneously
JOPES	Joint Operations Planning and Execution System
JPO	joint petroleum office
JPOTF	joint psychological operations task force
JPOTG	joint psychological operations task group
JRA	joint rear area
JRAC	joint rear area coordinator
JRCC	joint rescue coordination center
JSCP	Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan
J-SEAD	joint suppression of enemy air defenses
JSOA	joint special operations area
JSOACC	joint special operations aviation component command
JSOCC	joint special operations component commander
JSOTF	joint special operations task force
JSPS	Joint Strategic Planning System
J-STARS	joint surveillance target and attack radar system
JTB	joint targeting board
JTCB	joint targeting coordination board
JTF	joint task force; a COCOM option
JTL	joint target list
JTLS	Joint Theater Logistics System
JTTP	joint tactics, techniques, and procedures
JULLS	Joint Universal Lessons Learned System
JZ	joint zone
LAAD	low altitude air defense
LAAM	light antiaircraft missile
lab	laboratory
LANDCENT	land component of Allied Forces Central Europe, subordinate to Allied Command Europe

LCC	land component commander
LEMCO	light equipment maintenance company
letter of instruction	a means for defining interagency linkages at the operational level
light forces	units from an Army light, airborne, or air assault division or ranger regiment
line of communications	all the routes—land, water and air—that connect an operating military force with a base of operations and along which supplies and military forces move
lines of operation	the directional orientation of a force in relation to the enemy; lines of operation connect the force with a base of operations and its objective
linkage	a relationship between two or more parties, elements, or commands in any form that formulates a mutual understanding, agreement, or exchange of information
littoral theater	a theater established on a shore or coastal region where major actions between land, sea, and air operations are combined and must be synchronized
Indry	laundry
LNO	liaison officer
LOC	line of communication
LOGCAP	Logistics Civil Augmentation Program
logistics	the process of planning and executing the movement and sustainment of operating forces to execute military strategy and operations; includes the design, development, acquisition, storage, movement, distribution, maintenance, evacuation, and disposition of materiel; the movement, evacuation, and hospitalization of personnel; the acquisition or construction, maintenance, operations, and disposition of facilities; and the acquisition or furnishing of services
logistics support element	a multifaceted logistical organization with a work force of DA civilians, military, and contractors that is easily tailored to meet theater logistics requirements; the LSE can control the interface among strategic, operational, and tactical logistics
LOI	letter of instruction
LPT	logistics-preparation- of-the-theater
LSE	logistics support element
MACOM	major Army command
MAGTF	Marine air-ground task force
main battle area	the portion of the battlefield in which the decisive battle is fought to defeat the enemy
maint	maintenance

major operation	the coordinated actions of large forces in a single phase of either a theater or subordinate campaign; a major operation could contain a number of battles or could be a single critical battle
MARLO	Marine liaison officer
MASINT	measurement and signatures intelligence
MATCS	Marine air traffic control squadron
MBA	main battle area
MCA	movement control agency
MCC	movement control center
MCCC	Marine Corps component commander
MCSF	mobile cryptological support facility
MDCI	multidiscipline counterintelligence
MEDCOM	medical command
MEF	Marine expeditionary force
METL	mission-essential task list
METT-T	mission, enemy, terrain, troops, and time available
MI	military intelligence
MIA	missing in action
military end state	the required military conditions determined by the theater commander and integrated into the campaign plan that, when achieved, attains the strategic objectives or allows the main effort to be assumed by other instruments of national power to achieve the final strategic end state
MILNET	military network
mission forces	Army forces assigned, attached, apportioned, or allocated with an ARFOR commander to an Army service component command, a subordinate joint force command, or a multinational command to conduct missions as assigned by these commands
MLRS	Multiple Launch Rocket System
MMC	materiel management center
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MOE	measures of effectiveness
MOOTW	military operations other than war
MOPP	mission-oriented protection posture
MOS	military occupational specialty
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MP	military police
MRS	Mobility Requirement Study
MSCC	Marine service component command

MTMC	Military Traffic Management Command
MWRO	morale, welfare, recreation office
multinational operations	diplomatic-military actions between two or more agencies, with armed forces of two or more nations, to achieve the strategic end state; alliances or coalitions can be formed to carry out these actions
NAF	Naval air facility
NAFI	nonappropriated fund instrumentalities
NALE	naval and amphibious liaison element
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NAVSOF	naval special operations forces
NBC	nuclear, biological, chemical
NCA	National Command Authorities
NCC	Naval component commander
NEO	noncombatant evacuation operations
NFA	no-fire area
NGO	nongovernmental organization
NICP	national inventory control point
NIST	national intelligence support teams
NSA	National Security Agency
NSCC	Navy service component command
NSNW	nonstrategic nuclear weapons
NSOC	Navy special operations component
NSS	<i>National Security Strategy</i>
NSWTG	Naval special warfare task group
NSWTU	Naval special warfare task unit
NTACS	Navy Tactical Air Control System
obj	objective
OCONUS	outside the continental United States
OCA	offensive counterair
ODA	Special Forces Operational A Team
OP	operational projects
OPCOM	operational command
OPCON	operational control
operational art	the skillful employment of military forces to attain strategic and/or operational objectives through the design, organization, integration, and conduct of theater strategies, campaigns, major operations, and battles;

	operational art translates combatant command strategy and theater design into operational design and, ultimately, tactical action by integrating the key activities of all levels of war within the theater
operational design	the design element of Army operational art; the application of operational art includes the design, organization, and execution of subordinate campaigns and major operations.
operational firepower	to apply the amount of fire that may be delivered by operational forces through all available means and systems; the application of firepower and nonlethal means to achieve a decisive impact on the conduct of a campaign or major operation
operational-level logistics	military operations other than war activities during peacetime and conflict that do not necessarily involve armed clashes between organized forces
OPLAN	operations plan
opns	operations
OPORD	operations order
opposed entry	combat operations required to land deploying forces
OPSEC	operations security
OTC	officer in tactical command
PA	public affairs
PACOM	United States Pacific Command
PAO	public affairs officer
passive missile defense	those individual and collective measures taken to posture the force to minimize the effects of a missile attack
PE	peace enforcement
peacekeeping operations	operations using military forces and/or civilian personnel at the request of the parties to a dispute to help supervise a cease-fire agreement and/or separate the parties
PERSCOM	personnel command
PIR	priority intelligence requirements
plt	platoon
PM	provost marshal
POTF	psychological operations task force
PRC	population and resource control
PSD	personnel service directorate
PSS	personnel service support
PSYOP	psychological operations
PVO	private voluntary organization

QASAS	quality assurance specialist - ammunition surveillance
QSTAG	quadrupartite standardization agreement
RAOC	rear area operations center
RCCM	regional contingency construction manager
RCEM	regional contingency engineering manager
RDTE	research, development, test, and evaluation
REAT	reconstitution assessment and evaluation team
recce	reconnaissance
renov	renovation
restrictions	prohibitions on specific actions or categories of actions
RFA	restricted fire area
RGFC	Republican Guard Forces Command
RISTA	reconnaissance, intelligence, surveillance, and target acquisition
ROC	rear operations center
ROE	rules of engagement
RPMA	real property maintenance activities
RPV	remotely piloted vehicle
RSI	rationalization, standardization, and interoperability
rules of engagement	directives issued by competent military authority that delineate the circumstances and limitations under which US forces will initiate and/or continue combat engagement with other encountered forces
RWCM	regional wartime construction manager
S1	personnel officer
S2	intelligence officer
S3	operations and training officer
S4	supply officer
S5	civil affairs officer
S&S	supply and services
SACC	supporting arms coordination center
SAILS	Standard Army Intermediate Level Supply System
SALT	supporting arms liaison team
Sandcrab	AN/TLQ-17A; a jamming/direction-finding system
SAO	security assistance office
SAPO	subarea petroleum office
SEAD	suppression of enemy air defenses

SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
sequels	actions after operations; sequels are an important means of anticipating the course of action and accelerating the decision cycle; they are based on the possible outcomes of operations—victory/success, defeat/failure, or stalemate; they establish general dispositions, objectives, and missions for subsequent subordinate operations; they can be amended as necessary and ordered into effect
SF	Special Forces
SFOB	Special Forces operating base
SIGINT	signals intelligence
SIGSEC	signal security
SJA	staff judge advocate
SLOC	sea lines of communication
SOA	special operations aviation
SOC	special operations command
SOCCE	special operations command and control element
SOCOM	United States Special Operations Command
SOCOORD	special operations coordination element
SOF	special operations forces
SOFA	status of forces agreement
SOFSCC	special operations forces component command
SOI	signal operating instructions
SOSC	special operations support command
SOTSE	special operations theater support element
SOUTHCOM	United States Southern Command
SPACECOM	United States Space Command
split-based operations	dividing logistics management functions so that only those functions absolutely necessary are deployed, allowing some management functions to be accomplished from CONUS or another theater
SPO	security, plans, and operations
SPOD	seaports of debarkation
sqdns	squadrons
SRA	separated reporting activities
STRATCOM	United States Strategic Command
strategic advantage	the overall relative power relationship of opponents that enables one nation or group of nations to effectively control the course of a military/diplomatic situation
strategic concentration	the assembly of a designated force in areas from which intended operations shall begin so that the force is best disposed to initiate the plan of campaign

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strategic end state	the set of required diplomatic, economic, informational, and military conditions integrated by the NCA in national security policy to achieve a desired strategic outcome or national security objectives in a crisis situation
sup	supply
supported CINC	the CINC for the theater of focus; <i>see also</i> supporting CINC
supporting CINC	a CINC for an economy-of-force theater or deferred theater; theater resources may be reallocated/reoriented toward support for the theater of focus; <i>see also</i> supported CINC
SVS	Secure Voice System
SWC	strike warfare commander
SWO	staff weather officer
sys auto	systems automation
TAACOM	theater army area command
TAADCOM	theater army air defense command
TAC	tactical air coordinator
TAC(A)	tactical air coordinator (airborne)
TACAIR	tactical air
TACC	tactical air command center (USMC); tactical air control center (USN)
TACOM	tactical command
TACON	tactical control
TACP	tactical air control party
TACS	theater air control system
TACSAT	tactical satellite
TADC	tactical air direction center
TAI	target area of interest
TALCE	theater airlift control element
TALSM	theater army logistics system manager
TAMCA	theater army movement control agency
TAML	theater army medical laboratory
TAMMC	theater army materiel management center
TAOC	tactical air operations center
TAPOC	theater army personnel operations center
TBM	tactical ballistic missile
TCAE	technical control and analysis element
TCF	tactical combat force
TDA	table of distribution and allowances

TECHINT	technical intelligence
TENCAP	tactical exploitation of national capabilities
TF	task force
TFC	theater finance command
THAAD	theater high-altitude air defense
theater	the geographical area outside the continental United States for which a commander of a unified or specified command has been assigned military responsibility
theater base	a sizable portion of the joint rear area containing logistics facilities, such as ports of debarkation, marshalling areas, logistics stockage areas, movement control points, logistics headquarters and units, and the rear portion of the intratheater communications zone, together with airfields and air bases, transitioning land forces, theater missile defense forces, the theater rear headquarters, and strategic reserves
theater design	the theater commander's strategic intent to be derived by a strategic estimate and translated into his theater strategy and campaign plans, which provide strategic direction and operational focus to the principal subordinates
theater missile defense	protection against theater missile attack through an integrated and coordinated mix of mutually supporting measures; all service components participate in TMD; TMD for force projection, forward presence, reinforcing forces, and designated theater strategic assets, such as ports, airfields, or civilian population centers, must be considered; supporting measures are called TMD pillars and entail passive missile defense, active missile defense, attack operations, and battle management and C ³ I
theater of operations	that portion of a theater of war necessary for military operations to achieve an assigned mission and for the support incident to the operations
theater of war	that area of air, land, sea, and space that is or may become directly involved in the operations of war
theater strategic environment	a composite of the conditions, circumstances, and influences in the theater that describe the diplomatic-military situation, affect the employment of military forces, and affect the decisions of the operational chain of command
theater strategic maneuver	the employment of unified and joint forces from positions of strategic concentration against the strategic center of gravity to achieve the military end states within the strategic end state
THREATCON	terrorist threat conditions
threat conditions	a system that provides procedures for terrorism analysts to assess the terrorist threat and for commanders to determine appropriate security measures based on the assessed threat of terrorist attack

Glossary

TOC	tactical operations center
TOE	table of organization and equipment
total asset visibility	the immediate access to data pertaining to the location of aircraft, ships, trucks, and trains moving equipment and supplies from the provider to the requestor
TOR	terms of reference
TPFDD	time-phased force and deployment data
TPFDL	time-phased force and deployment list
TRADOC	United States Army Training and Doctrine Command
trans	transportation
Trackwolf	AN/TSQ-152(V); operational-level, high frequency skywave communications-intelligence collection and direction-finding system used to support the operational-level commander
TRANSCOM	United States Transportation Command
Trojan	AN/TSQ-190(V); intelligence dissemination satellite terminal that provides access for intelligence processing and dissemination systems
U-2R	variant of U-2 aircraft sensing platform
UAV	unmanned aerial vehicle
UCP	Unified Command Plan
UN	United Nations
UNAAF	Unified Action Armed Forces
unified force	a general term applied to a force composed of joint, service, special, and supporting forces operating under the command of a unified commander and in conjunction with or for interagency, United Nations, or multinational forces
Unified Command Plan	the document, approved by the President, which sets forth basic guidance to all unified combatant commanders, establishes their missions, responsibilities, and force structure; delineates the general geographical area of responsibility for geographic combatant commanders; and specifies functional responsibilities for functional combatant commanders
unified operations	a strategic operation encompassing the wide scope of subordinate actions taking place within theater unified commands under the overall direction of the commanders of those commands; a unified operation integrates joint, single-service, special, and supporting operations in conjunction with interagency, nongovernmental, private voluntary, multinational, or United Nations operations into a unity of effort in the theater
US	United States
USA	United States Army

USACOM	United States Atlantic Command
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USAF	United States Air Force
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USAF	United States Air Force
USAMC	United States Army Materiel Command
USAR-J	United States Army, Japan
USARPAC	United States Army, Pacific
USASOC	United States Army Special Operations Command
USC	United States Code
USFJ	United States Forces, Japan
USFK	United States Forces, Korea
USIA	United States Information Agency
USMC	United States Marine Corps
USN	United States Navy
USPW	United States prisoner of war
USSOCOM	United States Special Operations Command
USTAPERSCOM	United States Total Army Personnel Command
USTRANSCOM	United States Transportation Command
UW	unconventional warfare
UXO	unexploded ordnance
WMD	weapons of mass destruction
WOC	wing operations center
WWMCCS	Worldwide Military Command and Control System